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# Architectural Details for Residential Buildings







# Roof Type/Form



Front-facing gable



Cross-gable



Side-facing gable





# Roof Type/Form



Hipped



Pyramidal



Cross-hipped





# Roof Type/Form



Flat

Shed





# Roof Type/Form



Hipped gable a.k.a. clipped gable, hip-on-gable, or jerkinhead

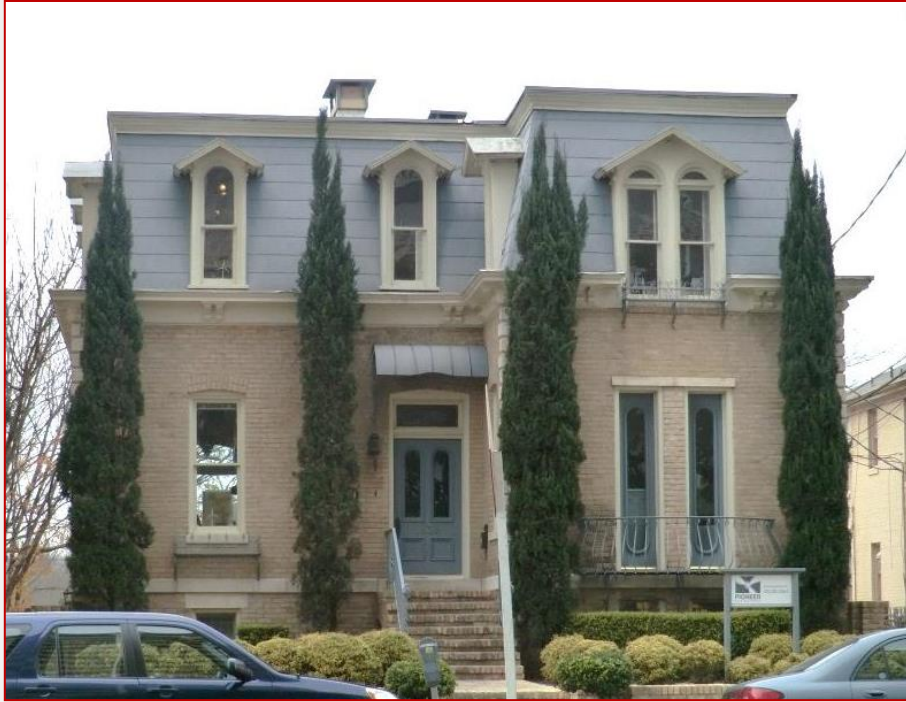


Pent





# Roof Type/Form



Mansard



Gambrel





# Roof Type/Form

## Dormers

Gable



Hipped



Shed



Eyeblink







# Roof Details: Eaves

No/minimal  
overhang



Medium  
overhang



Deep  
overhang





# Roof Materials



**Wood shingles:** Thin wedges (sawed or rough-split) of wood laid in overlapping rows to create impervious surface



**Tile:** Shaped, interlocking units historically of baked clay, also replicated in concrete and other materials



**Composition shingles:** shingles created by infusing felt paper or cloth with petroleum-based bitumin (i.e. tar, asphalt); dominant roofing material in 20<sup>th</sup> century American houses



**Metal:** A variety of metals (iron, steel, copper, tin) fabricated as large sheets with raised or flat seams, corrugated, or shingles

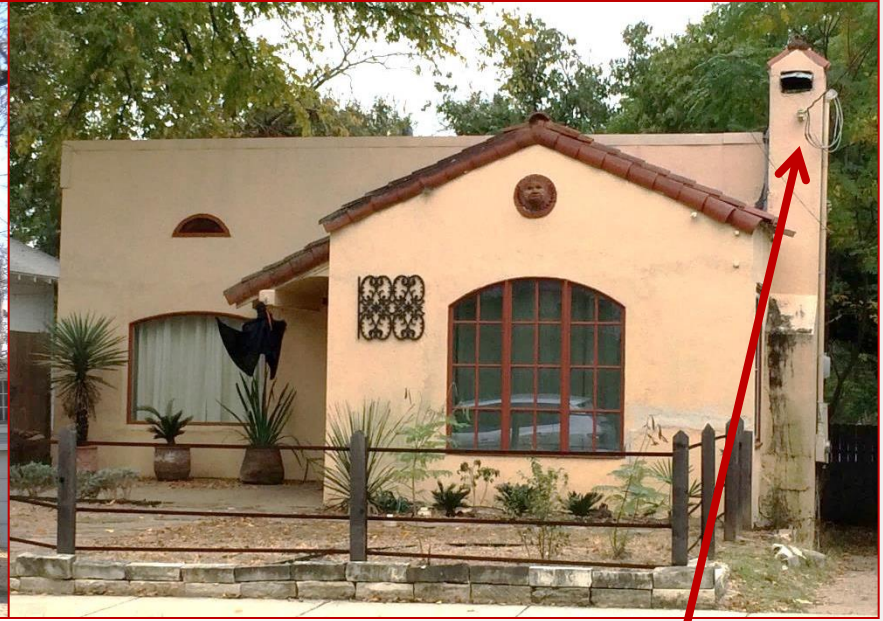




# Chimneys



Interior chimney



Exterior chimney

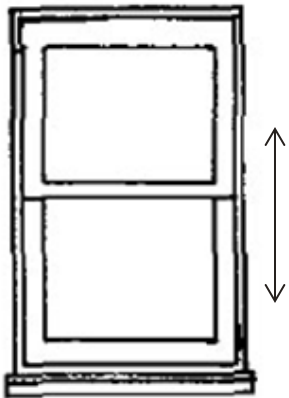
Material may be brick, stone, or stucco

Corbelled cap



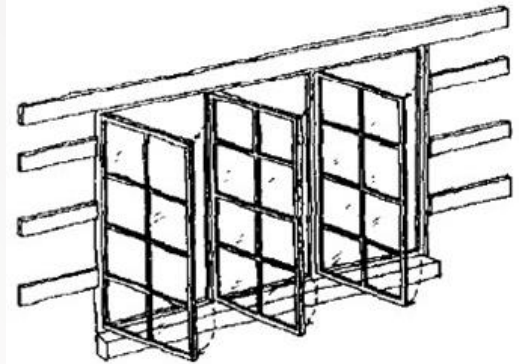


# Window Operation



Sash:  
Opens vertically

Casement:  
Opens horizontally



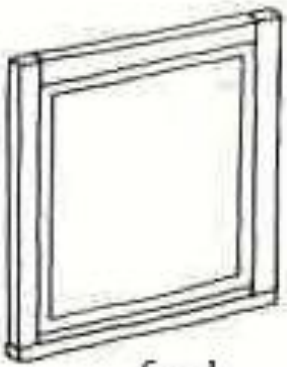




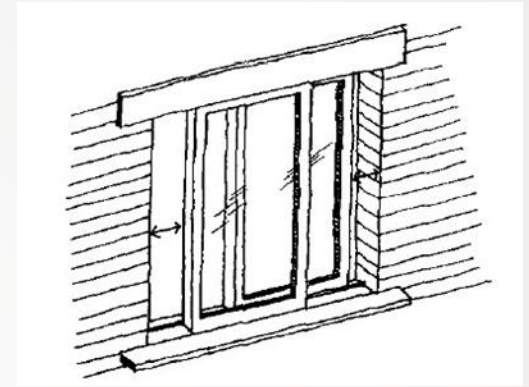
# Window Operation



Fixed: does not open



fixed



Sliding

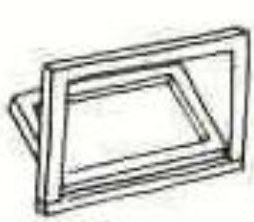




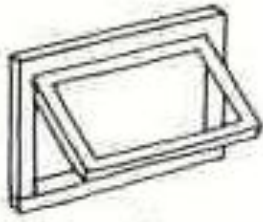
# Window Operation

Awning: Pivots up

Hopper: Pivots down



hopper



awning

Jalousie or  
louver







# Door Arrangement

Double-door  
entrance

Transom window



Sidelights

Single-door  
entrance



# Porches



Inset partial-width porch



Inset full-width porch



Full-width hipped porch



Partial-width front-gabled porch





# Porch Supports



Wood posts (plain on left,  
turned on right)

Fabricated metal





# Porch Supports



Brick piers



Box columns





# Porch Supports



Tapered box columns



Tapered box columns on piers

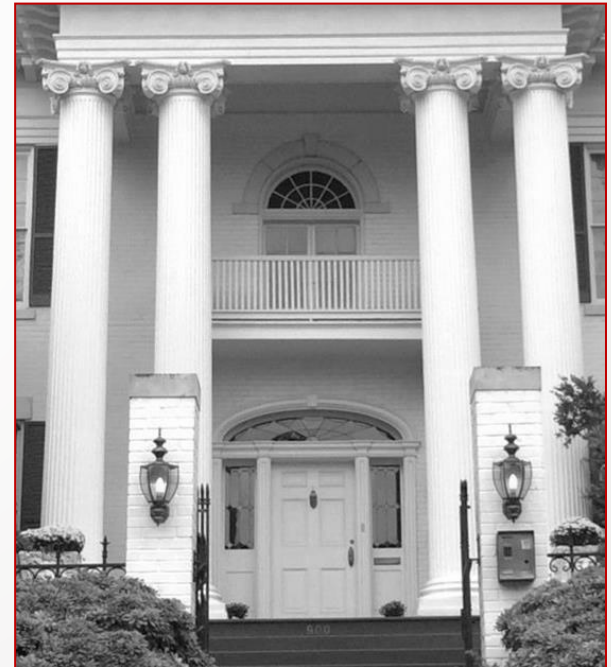


# Porch Supports



Classical column (simple)

Classical column (Doric on left,  
Ionic on right)







# Porch Supports



Doric capital



Ionic capital



Corinthian capital



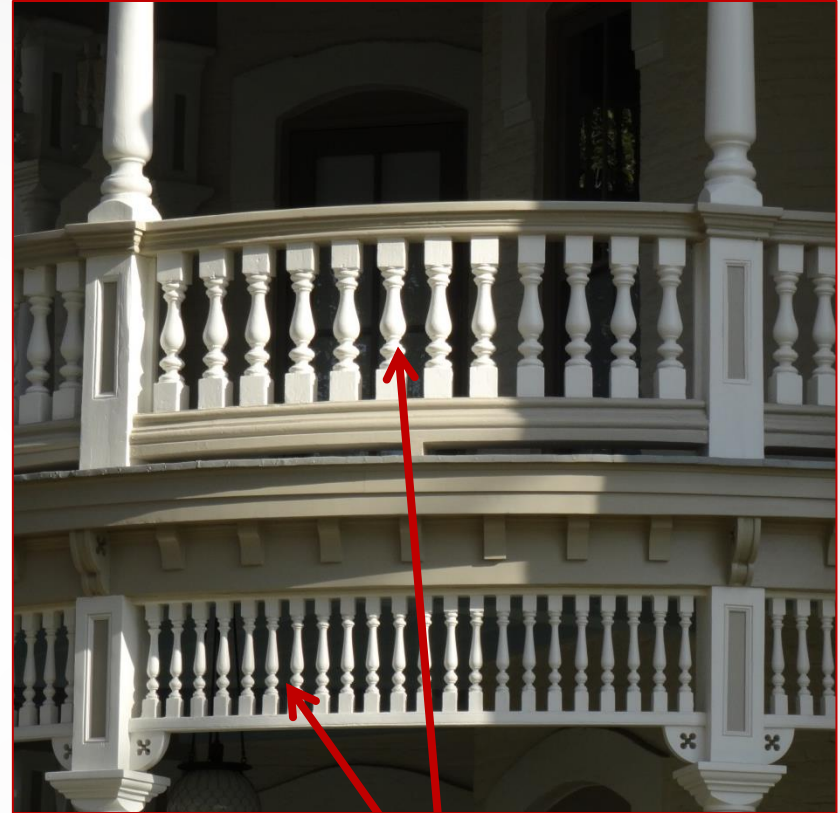
# Other Details



Bracket



Jigsawn trim



Spindlework





# Wall Materials

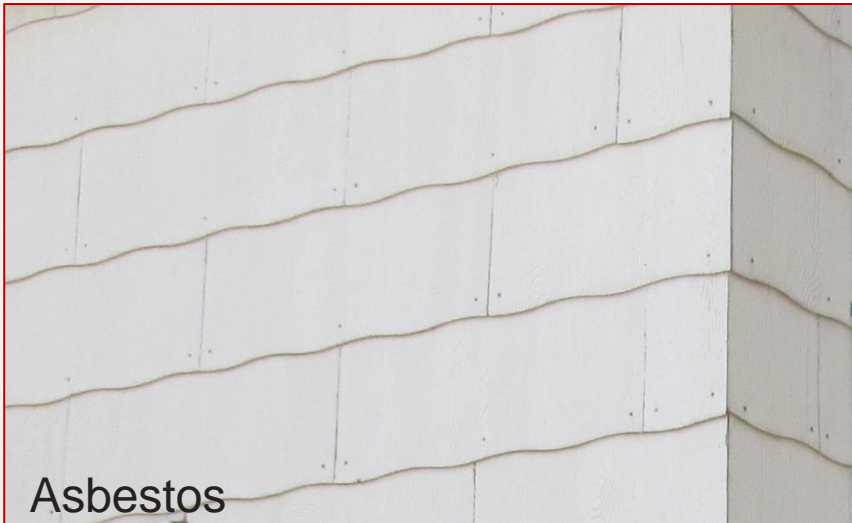
Masonry



Wood



Asbestos



Metal





# Wall Materials: Masonry



Load-bearing  
stone







# Wall Materials: Masonry



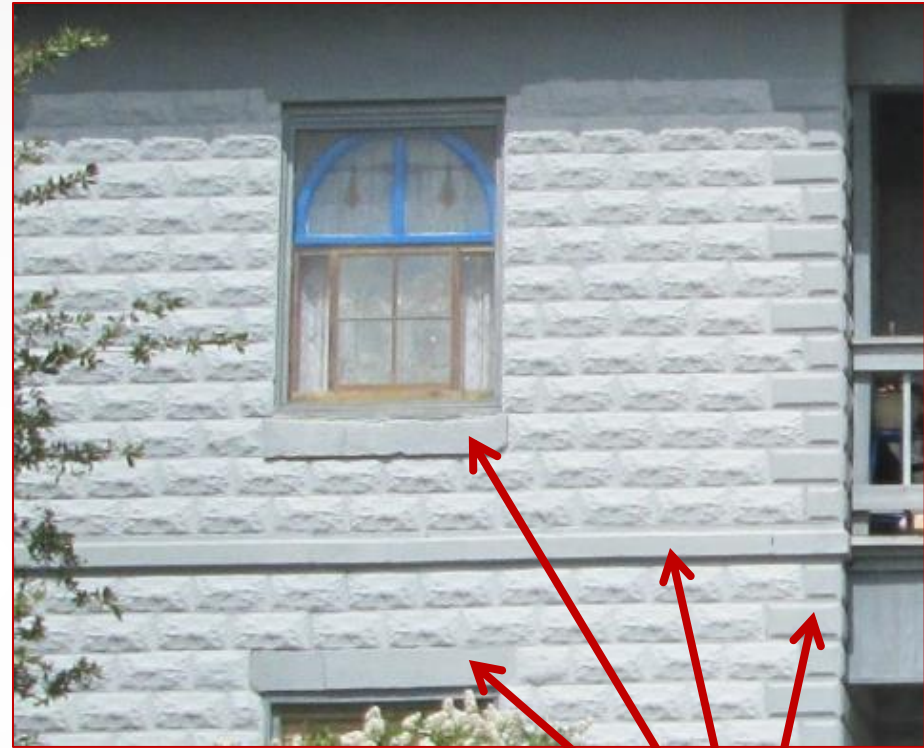
Stone veneer







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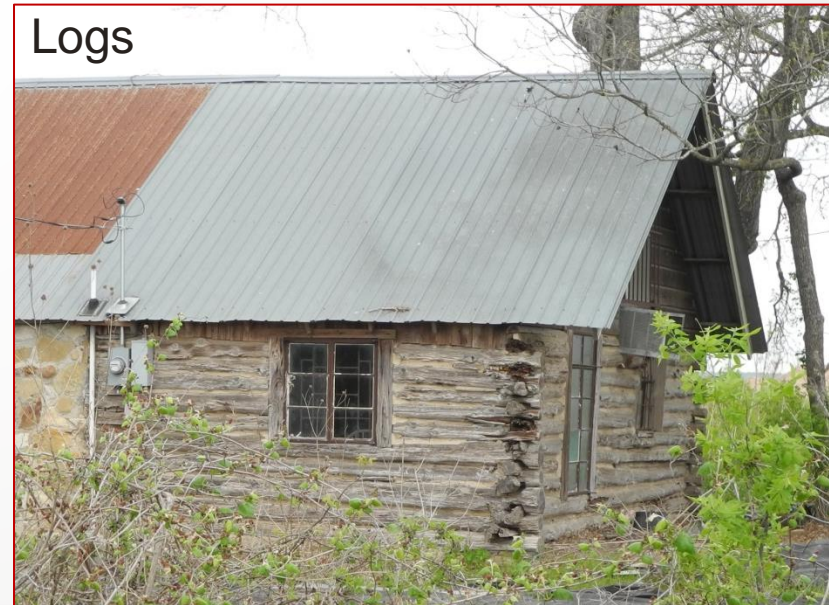


Cast stone





# Wall Materials: Wood



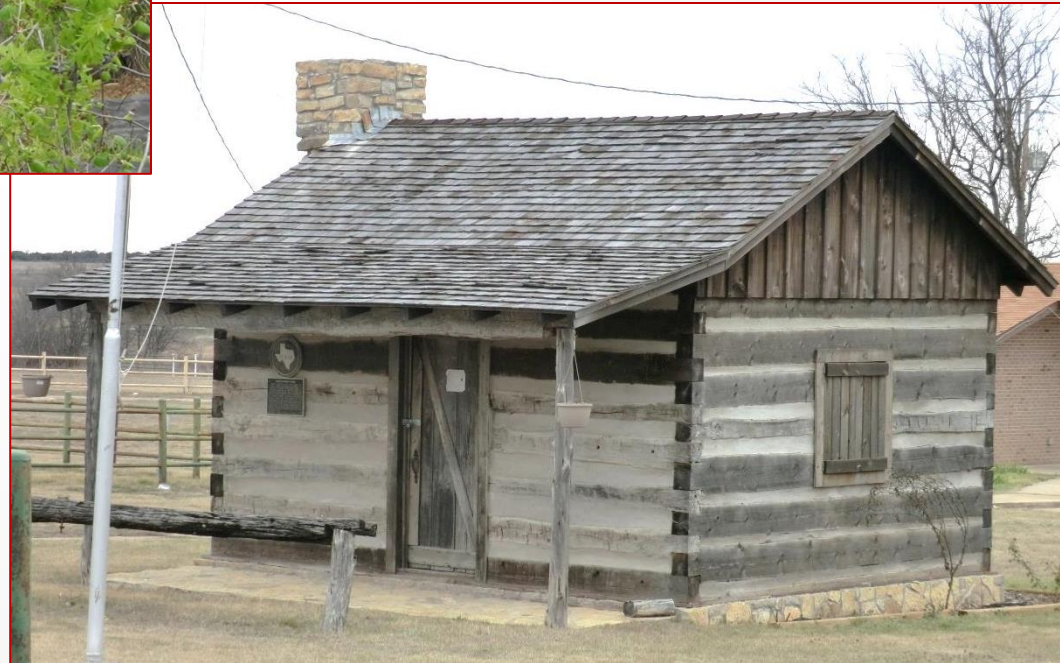




# Wall Materials: Wood



Plywood







# Wall Materials: Wood



Siding



Board-and-batten







# Wall Materials: Wood







# Wall Materials: Composite



Asbestos shingles



Metal



Asphalt shingles

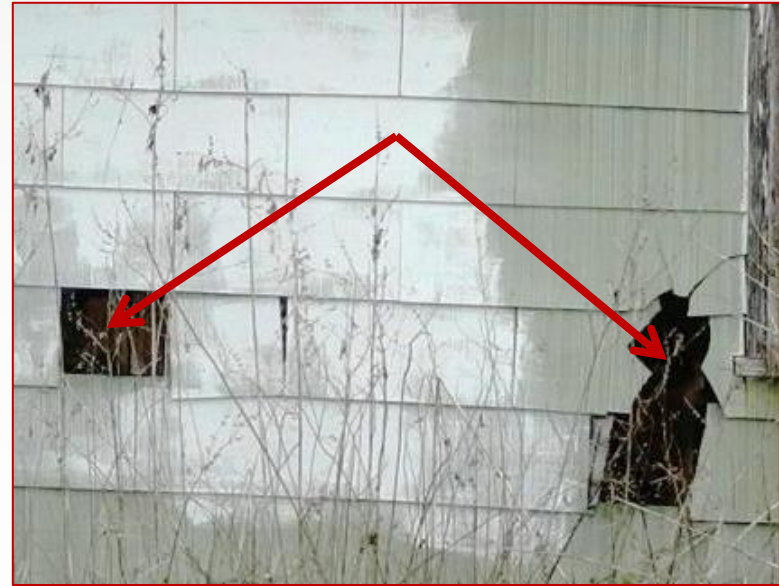


Fiber cement





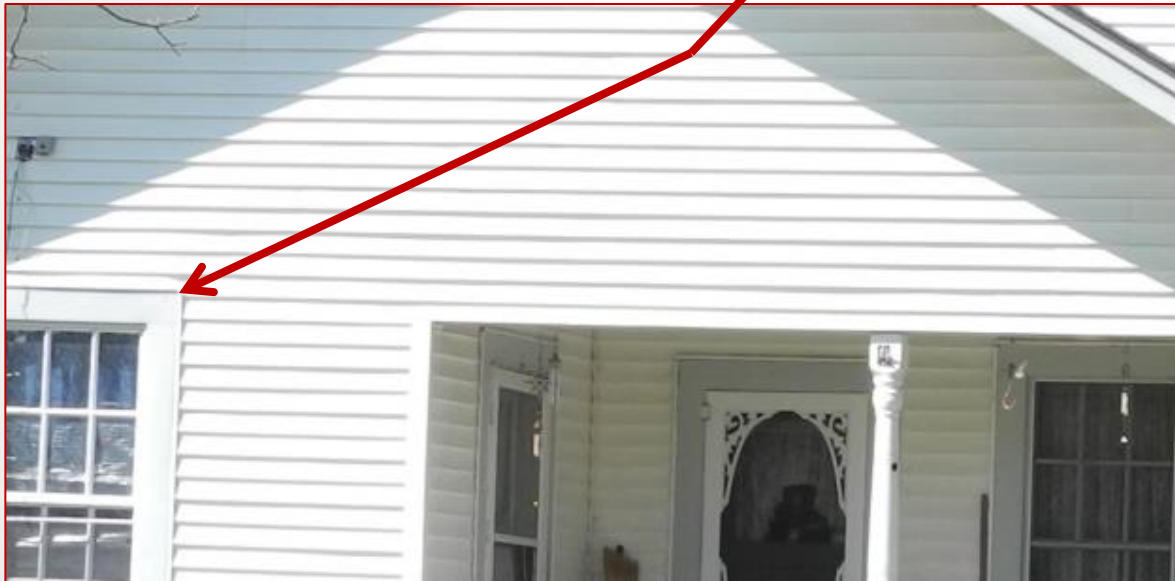
# Wall Materials: Asbestos







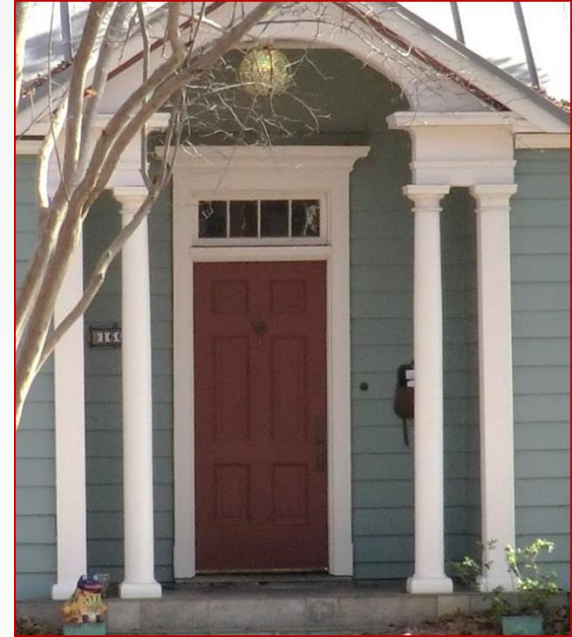
# Wall Materials: Vinyl Siding







# Architectural Details







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